Mr. K. Govinda Menon.—No. I think in Ernakulam we can get a better price, even though we have to spend about 8 annas per candy.

Mr. C. A. Ouseph.—May I know whether the Government, without bringing the timber and selling it at a reduced rate, cannot dispose of them as standing trees to bidding contractors?

Mr. K. Goivnda Menon.—This could not be done from forests tapped by the Tramway.

The Tenazhi Coupe and the Kolakkat Mudi Coupe.

392. Mr. C. A. Ouseph.—Will the Government be pleased to state:

(a) Wether the Thenazhi coupe (തേന്നാഴി കൂപ്പ്) and the Kolakkat Mudi coupe (കൊളക്കാട്ട് മുടി കൂപ്പ്) have been entrusted to contractors by the Government for the extraction of timber;

(b) Whether tenders were called for before the coupe mentioned in (a) were so entrusted; if not, why tenders were not called for;

(c) The rates for different species of timber for which each of the said coupes was entrusted for extraction of timber;

(d) The names of the contractors working the coupes.

(e) Whether any coupes are now being worked by contractors, being entrusted for extraction of timber in pursuance of tenders submitted; if so, what are the rates for different species on which the different coupes are being worked?

Mr. K. Govinda Menon.—(a) Yes.

(b) No; the persons who were likely to take up the work were consulted, and they expressed their unwillingness to work the area.

(c) Vide appendix. (*Vide Appendix VII.*)

(d) Mr. P. S. Krishna Ayyar for the Tenazhi coupe and Mr. P. S. Velu Ezuttassan for the Kolakkat Mudi coupe.

(e) Yes, one. For the rates for the different species, please see appendix referred to in (c).

Mr. C. A. Ouseph.—How many persons likely to take up the work in those particular placess—both Tenazhi coupe and Kolakkat Mudi coupe—were consulted?

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Mr. K. Govinda Menon.—Three persons were consulted and they all declined, for Thenazhi Coupe; and 2 persons for Kolakkatt Mudi cope.

Mr. C. A. Ouseph.—May I know who are the persons consulted?

Mr. K. Govinda Menon.—Messrs. K. Narayanan Nayar, M. Madhava Menon and T. Reppayi for Tenazhi coupe; Messrs. R. Viswanatha Chetty and L. S. Subrahmanya Ayyar for Kolakkat Mudi coupe.

Mr. C. A. Ouseph.—Who are the persons likely to take up the work? Had any steps been taken to ascertain the same beforehand?

Mr. K. Govinda Menon.—The above are the persons. There were no other persons who had any knowledge about the areas.

Mr. C. A. Ouseph.—Am I to understand that there are no other persons in Cochin likely to take up the work? Is there any records in the Conservator's Office to show that such enquiries were made and that these persons were consulted? Are there any office records showing this?

Mr K. Govinda Menon.—No office records. I have got only my demi official papers.

Mr. C. A. Ouseph.—Are these papers one's private diary?

President.—Sometimes they may not want to give them to the office, but if it is found to be of no special use, they will be transferred as permanent office records. But some keep it as confidential for ever.

Mr. C. A. Ouseph.—May I know whether the Conservator is making enquiries to know whether there are persons in any part of the State who will be willing to undertake this work?

President.—The fact is, suppose you are going to tap teak trees after some 10 years, will it not be advantageous to the Government to call in for tenders now, i. e, to make enquiries, and try to know who are likely to take up the work at that time? What is the objection?

Mr. K. Govinda Menon.—There was no necessity.

Mr. C. A Ouseph.—It will be an advantage to the Government, if tenders are called for.

Mr. K. Govinda Menon.—No, Sir.

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APPENDIX VII.

(Vide Answer to Question No 392.)

Rates for the extraction of Timber from the three Coupes.

Thenazhi coupe:

i. Teak Rs. 10 a candy.
ii. Rosewood Rs. 15 a candy.
iii. All Junglewood seigniorage rate *plus* 4 annas a candy.

Kolakkattumudi coupe:

i. Teak Rs. 12 a candy.
ii. Rosewood Rs. 15 a candy.
iii. Junglewood seigniorage rate *plus* 4 annas a candy.

Vilikkamukku coupe:

		Rs. as. p.	
1.	Teak	23—4—0	a candy
2.	Rosewood	21—8—0	,,
3.	Pongu	5—15—0	,,
4.	White-cedar	6—4—0	,,
5.	Irul	5—0—0	,,
6.	Mylellu	4—4—0	,,
7.	Pullamarudu	2—2—0	,,
8	Koramarudu	4-12—0	,,
9.	Chadachi	1—4—0	,,
10.	Venteak	5—2—0	,,
11.	Venga	1—6—0	,,
12.	Aiyini	3—0—0	,,
13.	Ebony	35—0—0	,,
14.	Cherupunna	4—2—0	,,
15.	Vetankorna	2—12—0	,,
16.	Jack	1—8—0	,,

All other species according to the existing seigniorage rates.

APPENDIX VIII.

(Vide Answer to Question No. 393.)

The total of the area planted up with teak in Kodasseri Range.

Till the end of 1081.	838·25	acres
1082——1086	...	
1087	4·48	,,
1088	35·73	,,
1089	38·99	,,
1090	35·15	,,
1091	48·67	,,
1092	45·24	,,
1093	44·35	,,
1094	59·77	,,
1095	37·52	,,
1096	64·11	,,
1097	45·50	,,
1098	91·04	,,
1099	108·45	,,
1100	124·41	,,
Total ...	1,621·66	acres

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